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CALLS FOR EXTRAORDINARY EFFORT TO PUSH FULFILLMENT FUND OVER THE TOP



DISTINGUISHED GUEST VISITS OTTAWA

Mrs. Golda Meir, Israeli Minister for Foreign Affairs receives a warm welcome on her arrival at the Jewish Community Centre during her official visit to Ottawa at the end of November. Mrs. Meir addressed the pupils of the Hillel Academy and the many adults who came to pay their respects. Shown with her are Hyman Bessin, president, Jewish Community Council; David Zelikovitz, chairman, United Zionists Council and His Excellency, Yaakov Herzog, Ambassador of Israel to Canada.

Initial returns submitted to Fulfillment Fund Campaign Headquarters have reached \$225,000, according to Hyman Soloway, Q.C., president of the Jewish Community Centre. Mr. Soloway described the early results as encouraging but warned that an extraordinary effort is still required before the campaign can be termed success.

The Fulfillment Fund has an objective of \$540,000 with pledges payable over a six year period beginning with 1963. This is the minimum amount required to repay the principal and interest on the bank loan which made it possible to build the Central and West End Talmud Torah buildings, the gymnasium and the uncompleted part of the Community Centre in 1958-59.

The \$225,000 subscribed so far is 42% of the goal. It comes from less than 15% of the potential donors. These individuals have contributed \$43,246 or 24.2% more than they did to the last campaign in 1957, an indication that they recognize the validity and importance of the appeal.

Launched late in November, the campaign ran into the pre-Christmas rush and activities had to be suspended due to the preoccupation of businessmen with their own affairs. The Campaign Committee took advantage of this lull to complete the organizational structure, to recruit workers and to hold a number of successful parlour meetings.

Campaign expenses are being kept to a bare minimum and no

major dinners or functions are being planned beyond the Stag Dinner for men to take place on Monday evening, January 21. A large turnout is expected due to the entertainment, the valuable door prizes and the fact that the vast majority of the men invited will be giving anyway.

Early in the planning, it was decided that the best method of soliciting would be on a person-to-person basis. In a face-to-face meeting, the canvasser is able to make a more effective presentation and answer any questions which the donor may raise.

Volunteer canvassers with cards in their possession have been asked to make a special effort to clean them up within the next week or ten days. This will be followed by a blitz canvass of homes to solicit the remaining members of the community.

Elsewhere in this issue, Mr. Soloway has answered many of the questions which have been asked about the Fulfillment Fund Campaign. He has clarified the issues and called upon the total community to express its solidarity and support.

The Directors of the Jewish Community Centre invite

YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS

to be their guest at a

**STAG DINNER
FOR MEN**

Monday, January 21, 1963, on behalf of the

fulfillment fund CAMPAIGN

COCKTAILS 6:15 P.M. DINNER 7:00 P.M.
MAIN AUDITORIUM

Entertainment by LOU SHOR

INTERNATIONALLY-KNOWN HUMORIST AND STORY TELLER PAR-EXCELLENCE

PLUS — a chance to win one of these valuable door prizes

- A three day vacation for two at Grossinger's.
- Two Health Club Family Memberships in the Centre.



R.S.V.P. 232-7306

Enjoy an outstanding evening in
the company of your friends... help
your community fulfill its obligations...
and let's put the Fulfillment Fund over the top.



Vaad Business Is Everybody's Business

by Hy Bessin

President, Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir

This issue of the Vaad Bulletin is essentially concerned with the Fulfillment Fund Drive. Those who have already made their pledges have increased by 24.2%. We still have to hear from 85% of our community even though we have 42% of our objective. Whether you have given already or not, I urge you to attend the city-wide function for men to be held January 21.

We have been slow in getting this campaign under way. We expected it to be finished by December 31, but in the process there was some conflict with the Histadrut Campaign and the annual solicitation for Yeshiva University.

The Community Centre embraces and houses the many services within our community on which each of us depends. We cannot and must not fail because our \$500,000 obligation to the bank must be honoured.

Some people in our community complain of too many demands. May I, in this connection, tell you of a survey conducted recently by the Financial Post. It showed that Canadian corporations contributed only 2½% of their profits to charity. I was amazed to see that industries in which Jews are prominent did not do any better than the national average.

Another survey in the United States showed that people of all faiths earning under \$5,000 per year contributed 4.1% of their earnings to charity. Those earning between \$5,000 and \$15,000 gave only 3.9%. After \$15,000, the percentage went up to 5%.

Since biblical times, it has been a tradition with our people to tithe — to give 10% of our income for charitable causes. In light of the surveys, how many of us can say that we live by that concept? I ask you to ask yourself: "Am I really giving my share?" — and if there is any room for doubt, may I respectfully suggest that you apply tithing standards to your gift to the Fulfillment Fund Campaign.

My congratulations to Alex Betcherman on his appointment as chairman of the Ottawa Chapter of the Canadian Friends of Yeshiva University. This fine institution has almost 6,000 students enrolled in its thirteen undergraduate and professional schools — among them, the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, the Yeshiva College for Men, Stern College for Women and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. These will be our teachers, Rabbis and informed community lay leaders in the years ahead.

Day Camp Staff Required

The Jewish Community Centre invites applications for the following staff positions for the 1963 season beginning July 2:

Unit Heads — Minimum age 20 with at least four years working experience in a camp setting. Applicants should have completed one year in a university or teacher's training institute.

Senior Counselors — Minimum age 17 with at least three years working experience in a camp or as a club leader at the Centre.

Junior Counselors — Minimum age 16 with at least two years working experience in a camp or as a club leader at the Centre.

Counselors-in-Training — Ages 14 and 15. Applicants shall have a desire to learn and be willing to participate in a training program.

Preference for all positions will be given to Centre members. Application forms may be obtained from the Program Department.

In conjunction with its new literary series
The Jewish Community Centre presents

AN EXHIBIT AND SALE OF ISRAEL GRAPHIC ARTS

to be on display in the Library
January 28 - February 15

Monday to Thursday Sunday
1:30 - 4:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

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The exhibit will be opened by
MRS. MAX M. VARON
on Sunday evening, January 27
immediately following the opening of the series.



Named Director Camp B'nai B'rith

Joe Barrett, chairman of the B'nai B'rith Camp Committee has announced the appointment of Mervin Butovsky of Montreal as director for the 1963 season.

Mr. Butovsky is a lecturer in the English Department of Sir George Williams University in Montreal. He holds a B.A. from Sir George and an M.A. in English literature from McGill.

Born and raised in Ottawa, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Butovsky, he and his wife went to Israel in 1952 where for a period of four years they lived and worked on kibbutzim and in agricultural youth villages.

Mr. Butovsky speaks Hebrew and has a rich cultural background. He has been associated with Jewish youth organizations and camps in a leadership capacity for many years.

He is 34 years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Butovsky have two children.

Silhouette Begins Monday, Jan. 28

The first of the 1963 morning silhouette classes for women begins on Monday, January 28. These popular classes are held for three-week periods Monday through Friday from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. Mrs. Bea Koffman will be in charge.

Part of the planned approach to these classes includes slimming and trimming exercises, weight control and instructions for dieting. Measurements and weight are taken each week to record progress.

Classes are open to Centre members only, free of charge. Those interested in attending must register by phone no later than Thursday, January 24.

Hebrew Course Shows Results

Good progress is reported by Mrs. Haimda Aronstam who teaches the conversational Hebrew class at the Centre every Wednesday from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. The group started as beginners two months ago. They now read, write, sing and carry on simple conversations in Hebrew.

Anyone who has a basic knowledge of Hebrew and would like to join the class will be welcome. Call CE 2-7306 for more details.

WAITERS NEEDED BY CAMP B'NAI B'RITH

Applications for positions as waiters at Camp B'nai B'rith this summer are now being accepted. Boys should be 16 years of age and in good physical health. Apply in writing to SIDNEY SHAPIRO, 688 Froster Ave.

Exciting New Program For Bodybuilding Fans

A new and exciting bodybuilding program is to be initiated by the Jewish Community Centre on Monday, January 28, according to an announcement by Lawrence Slover, chairman of the Centre's Health and Physical Education Committee.

The four month course which ends May 30 is based completely on supervised individual instruction, tailor-made for each participant. It follows the general pattern which commercial establishments use so successfully and for which they charge as much as \$120 a year.

Everyone who registers will be interviewed by an instructor to determine his specific needs. A special set of exercises will be prescribed and progress will be charted in writing each week. Body measurements and photographs are taken at various intervals to evaluate results.

This form of regular exercise with light weights is guaranteed to lose weight, gain weight or redistribute weight, if approached in a serious manner.

The hours of instruction are Monday through Thursday from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. and Sunday from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. Anyone in normal health above the age of 12 may participate. The fee is \$5.00 for the four month course, payable on registration. The course is for Centre members only.

The instructors are Jack Krane, Wally Satov, Alex Polowin and Reg Hewitt.

In preparation for this new program, the Special Exercise Room has been redesigned and the finest equipment available has been purchased. You are invited to visit the Special Exercise Room during the hours of instruction and discuss your participation with the instructor.



Carla Katzenbach, Fredric Braun and Joan Askwith of the Classical Ballet Company of Ottawa in a scene from "Gymnopedies" to be presented at the Jewish Community Centre on February 10.

RED CROSS MOBILE BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

sponsored by

The B'nai B'rith Lodges and Chapters of Ottawa

with the co-operation of the

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 1963

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE
FOR TRANSPORTATION, CALL CE 2-7306

"Someone you know — perhaps someone you love very much may soon need blood. Won't you help make sure that blood is ready when it's needed?"

Classical Ballet to Perform February 10

The Jewish Community Centre brings Ottawa's own Classical Ballet Company to its concert stage for the second successive year on Sunday, February 10 at 8:30 p.m. Over 700 people attended last year's successful concert.

Madame Nesta Toumine is the director and choreographer of the company. The prima ballerina is Joanne Ashe with David Moroni, leading dancer. There are thirty dancers in the group.

Among the works to be performed on February 10 will be "Gymnopédies", Russian Ballet Suite and Grand Pas De Deux (Black Swan). The audience will take special delight in Madame Toumine's newest ballet "Me moirs" which was completed in December, 1962. The musical score is Tchaikovsky's "The Months".

Mrs. Harry Katzenbach will be chairman of the evening. The main group is composed of Sharenne Armour, Joan Askwith, Carla Katzenbach, Brigitte Neumann, Paulette St. Amour, Marilee Williams, Fredric Braun and Horst Lindner.

They will be assisted by Carol Ann Barrett, Janice Charleson, Claire Ellen Davidson, Ann Ridley, John Boschetto, Alistair Munro, Immo Tilgner, Lorne Toumine and Edgard Denner.

The program, arranged by the Adult Program Committee is part of the Centre's Cultural Series and is offered as a public service to encourage the performing arts in this city. Admission is free.

Night Openings For Library

Beginning, Monday, January 28 library hours are being expanded to include Monday to Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Present hours are Monday to Thursday, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

A librarian is on duty at all times. All members of the community are free to use its facilities. You are invited to drop in and familiarize yourself with its many treasures.

University Appointment

The Bulletin is pleased to extend congratulations to Mr. Bertram Loeb, industrialist and national Jewish leader, on his recent appointment to the Board of Governors of Carleton University.

Bar-Mitzvah Boys Donate Books

A number of Bar-Mitzvah boys in the community have perpetuated this significant moment in their lives by making personal contributions of \$5.00 or more which the Library of the Jewish Community Centre uses to purchase books.

This is especially meaningful to the boy because it links him with the literary heritage of our people. Very often, the boys help in the selection of books purchased.

The Library Committee wishes to acknowledge with thanks, gifts from:

Henry Alan Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Sidney Green - \$5.00.

Wayne Aron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Aron - \$10.00.

Meyer Kalin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Kalin - \$5.00.

Jeffrey Weiner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Weiner - \$10.00.

Mrs. Martin K. Levinson is chairman of the Bar-Mitzvah Fund Committee.

New Course Starts For Intermediate And Senior Girls

Last Sunday, the Centre inaugurated its new Charm and Self-Improvement Course for Intermediate and Senior girls. The 12 to 14 year old class meets at 4:00 p.m. while the 15 to 18 year old group convenes at 5:30 p.m.

The twenty-five girls who are already registered are receiving professional instruction in personal grooming, posture, social poise and mannerisms. The ten-week course will conclude with a fashion show. The fee is \$4.00 for members, \$7.00 for non-members. The course is directed by Mrs. Olga Kelman.

There is still room for a few senior girls. Call CE 2-7306 to register.

TAU ALPHA RHO SORORITY TEA

in aid of Hadassah's Cancer Research Fund

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Home of Mrs. David Fine

411 Roger Road

The Library Committee of the Jewish Community Centre presents a new series of literary evenings in English, Hebrew and Yiddish

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Sunday, January 27 at 8:30 p.m.
(In English)

Max M. Varon, Counsellor of the Embassy of Israel discusses General E. M. L. Burn's new book "Between Arab and Israeli".

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Sunday, February 24 at 8:30 p.m.
(In Hebrew)

David Rivlin, Consul General of Israel in Montreal pays tribute to Dr. Chaim Weizmann, First President of Israel, on the 10th anniversary of his passing.

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Sunday, March 17 at 8:30 p.m.
(In Yiddish)

Melech Ravitch, renowned Yiddish author examines the life and works of I. L. Peretz.



CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN — John Greenberg, chairman of the 1963 *Histadrut* Campaign in Ottawa has announced that the drive is going well and he is hopeful the goal will be reached.

Centre Library Contributions

The Library Committee acknowledges with thanks receipt of the following contributions for the purchase of books:

A bequest of \$100.00 by the late Mr. Samuel Katz.

In memory of Philip Altman on the occasion of his yahrzeit by Edward and Carole Altman.

In memory of Morris Altow on the occasion of his yahrzeit by his daughter, Mrs. Helen Better.

In memory of Abraham Appotive by his grandchildren.

In honour of the 30th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel M. Glatt by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Zagerman and by Mr. and Mrs. Morris Zagerman.

In memory of Abe Greenberg by his grandchildren Myra and Susan Abramovitch.

In memory of Norman Kalin by Mrs. B. Weiss.

In memory of David Kizell by Mrs. Florence Kizell.

In honour of the birth of Allan Frederick Kline by Mr. and Mrs. Herb Bessin.

In memory of Jacob Kronick by Mrs. Florence Kizell.

In memory of Mrs. Ruth Levenfeld by the Jewish Philosophy and Ethics Study Group.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Oster by Mr. and Mrs. David Fine, by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Saslove, by Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Weiner and by their grandchildren Barbara and Bruce Weiner.

In memory of Archibald Sibley by Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Freedman and by Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel M. Glatt.

In honour of the birth of their daughter Linda by Mr. and Mrs. Morton Taller.

In honour of the birthday of Mrs. B. Weiss by her grandchildren Jess, Judy, Enid and Margo.

In memory of Joseph Zeifman of Toronto by Mr. and Mrs. Murray Baslaw, by Mr. and Mrs. Morton Friedman, by Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Kline and by Mr. and Mrs. A. Wexler of Montreal.

In honour of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Zeilikovitz by Pauline and Hy Hochberg.

The Library Committee also wishes to thank the donors of the following books:

"The Jerusalem Windows" by Marc Chagall, presented in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lecker of Montreal by their granddaughter Mina Dover Cohen.

Eighty-seven Yiddish books, presented in memory of Max Friedman by his children.

The Community Centre Its Function in Jewish Life

By Dr. Nathan Schechter, Chairman,
Adult Program Committee

For some time I have been involved with and have been pondering the role of the Jewish Community Centre in our community. Thus when an invitation came to participate in a conference that dealt with this problem, I accepted.

Mr. Hy Hochberg and I went to New York early in December. The conference was arranged by the National Jewish Welfare Board for the purpose of discussing the function of Centres with emphasis on the need for a more dynamic and creative approach by Jews to the cultural arts.

As background, we must say that Jewish communities have gradually integrated themselves into the general stream and fabric of North American life. It was necessary to reach a certain level of integration and development before a Community Centre such as we have today could have evolved.

Throughout this early phase of our existence, our forbears strived to maintain a positive and creative Jewish communal life. However, facilities were meagre, but now for the first time in our history, because we are fortunate to live in a country of democratic ideals, we are in a position to help Judaism thrive and flourish.

It is true that there has been a marked expansion in scope and size of Jewish religious, educational and welfare agencies in our community as elsewhere, and we are proud of these achievements. Yet, with all this, great concern has been expressed about the future of the North American Jewish community.

This concern stems from two sources. First, doubt about the intensity and real depth of our Jewish affiliation, and secondly, anxiety over the effect upon the Jewish group of our outer and other environment. There is no doubt that this materialistically-oriented major community is affecting its Jewish component.

The discussions at the conference made it clear that the common task of Jewish communal institutions is to assure that the Jewish community will survive and maintain its uniquely rich Jewish tradition as well as make its contribution to Canada and the world.

It should be stated that the Jewish Community Centre is not in opposition or competition with Synagogues or other groups in the community. The Centre views Jewish religion as the cornerstone of the Jewish heritage and civilization and this concept has always been incorporated in our programs. Also it sees Israel as a Jewish historical development and this country's cultural and social creativity has also been an important area in our lectures and study groups.

What the Centre attempts to do is to supplement and expand the work of these other institutions. Through the study of its background it attempts to relate Jewish history, culture and tradition to contemporary needs and problems. This was outstandingly exemplified in our recent series of six special lectures on the general theme of "The Jewish Quest for Truth".

We wish to give people a sense of pride and happiness in their Jewish identification and help them to contribute to creative Jewish living. We are trying through our library to motivate an interest in and acquaintance with Jewish sources believing that only by a knowledge of historic Jewish thought and values can a proper examination of our present standards be appraised.

The objectives of the Centre depend, of course, on the amount of money available, on the staff, full or part time, and on the help that can be obtained from members of the community willing to give of their time and talents to this worthy effort.

It was with a certain degree of envy that I heard of Centres with large staffs of full-time social workers, full-time music directors or dramatic personnel. As a physician, I am interested in the therapeutic value of these programs. There are many young Jews rather lost who are searching for a tangible and meaningful content in their lives. The individual who can be taken into the Centre and helped to be a better, happier, well-adjusted, useful member of society can be a part of a more stable and better Jewish community.

I found that other Centres also have the problem of attendance. I got the impression from speaking privately to representatives from Montreal and Toronto that we in Canada do not appear to receive the support that many of the American Centres get. We have had large attendances at our cultural events but this has been due to some extent to the number of non-Jews who have come. Does this mean that the Jewish members of the community are not interested in the cultural arts?

Our Centre offers special interest groups such as — Art and Painting, a Theatre Guild, Folk Dancing, Music Appreciation, a Choral Society. The Centre's Cultural Series has presented the following recently — An Evening of Fireside Music, Dutch Jewish Community Exhibit, A Night of Opera, Jewish Book Month with a panel on "The Bible — Foundation of World Justice" with several more interesting evenings scheduled for the future.

The Cultural Series is a vital contribution by the Centre. It offers to people a creative and meaningful use of leisure time and helps people to find happiness in the enjoyment of beauty in literature, music, dance, drama and the plastic arts.

In retrospect and in comparing our Centre with many others long established, I am proud of what is being achieved. It is filling a great need in our community and by this I mean the entire Jewish community — east, west, north and south. What is needed is greater participation by many more people in all its activities.

The Centre stands as an institution to serve the needs of all ages, economic, social and religious Jewish individuals and groups. It encourages discussion and argument. It can make your leisure time more meaningful. It can become a great cultural institution with your help.

Above all, remember that much time and thought is expended in trying to provide a program that will interest everyone. Your appreciation of these efforts can only be shown by your attendance. Let us not lag behind other Centres in our cultural and creative activities.



SOME BASIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE FULFILLMENT FUND CAMPAIGN OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

By Hyman Soloway, Q.C., President, Jewish Community Centre

Q - You have announced a quota of \$540,000. What do you need the money for ?

A - The five-year campaign we held in 1957 raised just under \$400,000 in pledges. This was less than half the total cost of building and equipping our two new Talmud Torahs, the gymnasium and the unfinished portion of the Community Centre. The difference was borrowed from the bank. We need the \$540,000 to repay the loan and the bank interest which will accumulate over the next six years.

Q - How long do I have to pay my pledge ?

A - The Fulfillment Fund is a six-year campaign. Pledges are payable in six annual installments beginning with 1963.

Q - I am not a member of Beth Shalom. Why should I make a contribution ?

A - Members of Beth Shalom receive no more privileges in the Centre than do members of any other Synagogue in the community. They pay the same rental charges for wedding or bar-mitzvah functions and the same membership fees if they wish to participate in the program.

The Beth Shalom Congregation has already contributed \$443,500 to the capital funds of the Centre. This is more than the actual cost of constructing the Synagogue portion of the building. The Congregation also pays its full share of light, heat and janitorial services. The Centre enjoys certain tax benefits because the Synagogue is part of the same building.

Q - I live in the West End and have responsibilities to my Synagogue there. Why should I contribute ?

A - You have a duty to your Synagogue which you should fulfill to the best of your ability. But since the commitment for construction was made by the entire community, you also have a responsibility which goes beyond your own group. Part of our debt is represented in the school portion of the Agudath Israel Synagogue. It serves all the residents of your area and there is already talk that it will have to be enlarged, but this cannot even be considered unless the Fulfillment Fund is a success.

We are all in this thing together and must either stand united or fail in our efforts for a fuller and more meaningful Jewish life.

Q - I do not use the Community Centre. Why should I contribute to the Fulfillment Fund ?

A - Every community needs educational, social, cultural and recreational facilities for its young and old. We recognized that need in Ottawa and built structures which we show to our friends and neighbours with pride. In one way or another, the Community Centre and Hebrew Schools affect us all. This is where we educate our young and this is where Jewish boys and girls can meet in wholesome surroundings. The gym, handball courts and the health club cater to the athletic-minded. Those who have a taste for music, drama or the performing arts throng our halls for every performance. In adult Jewish education, the Centre has its lectures, forums, an Adult Institute of Jewish Studies and an excellent library. And what about the Golden Age Club, the Day Camp, the weddings, the bar-mitzvahs, the outdoor pool and the hundred and one other activities which make our Centre live every day of every year. Is there really a family which does not or will not need the Centre ? And even if there is, don't they have a responsibility too ? The Centre is our communal home, and if we do not support it, who will ?

Q - I am a member of the Centre and pay an annual fee. Isn't this enough ?

A - Unfortunately, no. Your membership fees help to operate the Centre by covering about 40% of the annual budget. The Fulfillment Fund is a campaign to pay off a capital debt, whose interest alone would be enough to enrich our program and improve our services.

There has been criticism that we are not doing enough. I am the first to agree. But we have had to work within very strict limits with most of our budget going for light, heat and janitorial services. That is why we are so anxious to get rid of the capital debt. When we do, it will be possible to direct our energies towards the more important area of program endeavour.

Q - Will this be the last campaign for the Community Centre ?

A - The Directors are on record to that effect. If we come within striking distance of the objective, we think that whatever balance remains can be paid from current revenues over a longer period of time.

Q - Why should I give ?

A - I've tried to answer that question in as sincere and forthright a manner as possible. We have a debt to repay and the honour of the community is at stake. We have never failed in our duty to others. Can we do any less for ourselves ? The debt we have to liquidate was incurred in the construction of facilities which are available to everyone in the community, regardless of Synagogue affiliation or financial position. Hundreds of children, teenagers and adults use the Centre and Talmud Torahs each week. They come from all parts of the city and from all kinds of homes. Our Centre is a "community centre" in the broadest sense of the term and as such, it merits your support.